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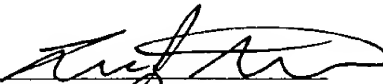| Atty. Docket No.	Serial No.	Patent No. (if applicable)	Filing Date
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